

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NORTH DAKOTA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

JOSEPH SCHLINGER

INDICTMENT

Case No. _____

Violations: 18 U.S.C. §§ 2252(a)(2),
2252(a)(4)(B), 2252(b)(1), 2252(b)(2),
and 2253(a)

COUNT ONE

Receipt of Images Depicting the Sexual Exploitation of Children

The Grand Jury Charges:

From in or about January 2022 to in or about June 2022, in the District of North Dakota, and elsewhere,

JOSEPH SCHLINGER

knowingly received visual depictions using a means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce, to wit, the internet, which depictions had been transported in interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer, the production of which visual depictions involved the use of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct and which depictions were of such conduct;

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2252(a)(2) and 2252(b)(1).

COUNT TWO

Possession of Images Depicting the Sexual Exploitation of Children

The Grand Jury Further Charges:

In or about June 2022, in the District of North Dakota, and elsewhere,

JOSEPH SCHLINGER

knowingly possessed visual depictions that had been transported using a means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce, to wit, the internet, which depictions had been transported in interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer, the production of which visual depictions involved the use of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct and which depictions were of such conduct;

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2252(a)(4)(B) and 2252(b)(2).

FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

The Grand Jury Further Finds Probable Cause That:

Upon conviction of violating Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252, as charged in this Indictment,

JOSEPH SCHLINGER

shall forfeit to the United States any and all matter which contains visual depictions produced, transported, shipped, and received in violation thereof and any and all property used and intended to be used in any manner and part to commit and to promote the commission of such violations, including, but not limited to, the following:

- One Samsung Galaxy S9 smartphone;
- One Apple iPhone 5S smartphone;
- One Apple iPhone 11 Pro smartphone; and
- One Corsair PC Tower containing three Samsung Solid State Drives.

By virtue of commission of one or more of the felony offenses as charged in this Indictment, all right, title, and interest in the above-described property is vested in the United States and is hereby forfeited to the United States, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 2253(a).

A TRUE BILL:

/s/ Foreperson

Foreperson

/s/ Jennifer Klemetsrud Puhl

JENNIFER KLEMETSRUD PUHL

United States Attorney

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